## REEDSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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## Reedsburg Police Conduct 'Click it or Ticket' Enforcement

(Reedsburg, WI) From May 21 to June 3, law enforcement across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers for longer hours to enforce seat belt and other traffic safety laws

To help prevent traffic-related injuries and deaths, law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers for longer hours looking for unbuckled motorists as part of the Click It or Ticket mobilization set for May 21 – June 3. During the annual initiative, WisDOT will utilize designated federal dollars to fund enhanced law enforcement patrols and public outreach about seat belt use.

Law Enforcement agencies across Sauk County will participate with Reedsburg Police as traffic enforcement is enhanced through this grant.

Currently, about 90 percent of Wisconsin motorists wear safety belts. The 10 percent who fail to buckle up account for nearly half of all the drivers and passengers killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes each year. State law allows police to stop and cite motorists for failing to wear a safety belt. In addition, drivers can be cited for every unbuckled passenger in their vehicle. Penalties are higher for transporting unrestrained children.

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